

Cemeteries Trust Fund

Mission. The mission of the Cemeteries Trust is to provide resources for the management and maintenance of Highland Park and Jamesburg cemeteries

Overview. The Cemeteries Trust Fund is a self-sustaining fund supported by the sale of interment and monument permits. Grave openings are coordinated through the Finance Department, while cemetery management and maintenance is coordinated through the Park Department.

In 1982 the city voluntarily took over the ownership of Highland Park cemetery from Wichita Cemetery Company. Highland Park is the earliest Sedgwick County cemetery of record, located west and north of 13th Street and Hillside. The first burial was that of Albert Lewellen, age 5, in 1870, the same year the small frontier town of Wichita was incorporated. Today approximately 17,000 people are buried at Highland Park Cemetery. In addition to four Kansas governors, perhaps the most nationally recognized individual buried at Highland Park is Buffalo Bill Mathewson, the original Buffalo Bill.

From 1873 to 1880, what is currently Jamesburg Cemetery was a post office in the small village by the same name. Jamesburg cemetery was taken over by the city a couple of years after the Highland Park became a city property.

Finance and Operations. In addition to revenue from the sale of interment and monument permits, the Cemeteries Trust

accumulates a significant portion of its annual income from interest earnings on the fund's cash balance. The interest earnings typically allow revenues to outpace expenditures on a year-to-year basis, adding to the fund's balance and providing resources for capital improvements at each of the cemeteries, as needed.

Cemetery mowing and grounds maintenance are contracted with a private vendor through the Park and Recreation Department. Cemeteries are mowed approximately fifteen times each year with special attention for Memorial Day.



Cemetery management and maintenance is coordinated through the Park and Recreation Department.

Cemeteries Trust Fund Budget Summary					
	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2000 Revised	2001 Adopted	2002 Approved
Cemeteries Trust Revenue	61,931	52,180	53,240	52,710	53,870
Personal Services	0	0	0	0	0
Contractual Services	15,658	28,400	28,400	28,400	28,400
Commodities	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cemeteries Trust Expenditures	15,658	29,400	29,400	29,400	29,400
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	46,273	22,780	23,840	23,310	24,470
Cemeteries Trust Fund Balance	690,343	688,260	714,180	737,490	761,960
Position Summary					
Total full-time	0	0	0	0	0
Total part-time	0	0	0	0	0
Total FTE	0	0	0	0	0